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A release from the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition said the picket lines are going up in 11 cities this week, to protest Chevron's refusal to clean up the environment and respect its neighbors in Houston.

The pickets will take place in Houston, Dallas, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Miami, Jackson, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, San Diego & Phoenix.

VIACOM LOSES COURT BATTLE

A \$2 million settlement was approved by the Federal Communications Commission last week, paving the way for the merger of Evergreen Media and Chancellor Media corporations, plus their \$1.07 billion acquisition of the Viacom Radio Group. Rev. Jesse Jackson had opposed the sale, since Viacom had previously promised to sell two of its stations to minority buyers.

As a result of his intervention, Rev. Jackson was able to gain \$2 million for university research, public education & advocacy, scholarships, and diversity conferences concerning minority media ownership.

DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION PARTY WINS IN MEXICO CITY

The voters of Mexico City resoundingly chose Cuauhtemoc Cardenas to be their new Mayor (the second most powerful position in the country).

Cardenas is the leader of the center-left Democratic Revolution Party, the son of one of Mexico's most popular presidents, and is now expected to challenge for the presidency in 2000. Mexican opposition to NAFTA was an important component of his victory coalition.

Corrections

Due to a printing error, articles by Assemblywoman Nia Gill and Lawrence Hamm are being reprinted from last week's edition.

In the article on Eddie Mercado's death last week, we erroneously reported the date of his death as June 12. Eddie Mercado died on July 12.

Is Islam growing among African-American men?

By Kennard D. McGill

Abdul Salaam, a security guard, sits behind a tarnished silver desk at the front door of the Islamic Culture Center in downtown Newark. He is dressed in blue jeans, a flannel shirt and combat boots, a traditional *kufi* (a brim-less cap) on his head, and has a full beard that sprouts out about two inches from his face. As passersby stop in for a mid-day prayer, he greets them with the traditional Arabic greeting, "As-Salaam-Alaikum."

Salaam, 34, left the Catholic Church 10-years-ago and converted to Islam. "Studying Islam changed me," he said. "I wish I would have become a Muslim a long time ago."

"I felt I wasn't really going nowhere in my life...I really doing nothing out here, just the same old thing getting high. I wasn't a bad person to get in trouble but I saw it could lead to that," said Salaam.

Salaam's conversion to Islam is part of a movement in the inner city black community and is growing at the expense of the Christian church, which was a staple for the black community for more than a century.

The black church today has been wrestling with its dwindling male population. The black males of the current generation are scarce in the church compared to previous generations, when they were visibly

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Abdul Salaam at the Islamic Cultural Center in Newark

JUDGE STRIKES OUT PLAYERS

Communities cry foul as Judge upholds decision on two out-of-towners.

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Babe Ruth Baseball team won a 13-1 victory over Flemington July 17, winning the North Jersey championship title and sending the team to Phoenixville, Pa., the site of the Babe Ruth Mid-Atlantic Regional Games.

The following Wednesday, Northern New Jersey Babe Ruth commissioner Marty Schorberger ruled the team had to forfeit this victory and play Flemington again without two of their teammates, Eric Duncan and Timothy McLaughlin. It had been concluded that the two 12-year-olds were ineligible to play for the team because they resided in Chatham—outside of the team's geographical boundaries. On Friday, June 25, the issue went to the courtroom and Superior Court Judge Kenneth MacKenzie of Morristown upheld the decision of the commissioner.

This controversy did not take long to play the interests of the local media outlets. The major television stations and newspapers covered the story during the past few days, and radio talk-show host Mike Francesca discussed the issue for hours with callers on his program "The Mike and Mad Dog Show" on sports-talk radio station WFAN-660 AM. On the program, the phone and fax number to the Babe Ruth offices were given out over the air. Both were not working as of Friday afternoon.

At noon on Friday, as parties battled the issue out in a Morristown courtroom, members of the team, their coaches, along with Recreation Director and president of the Youth Action Movement (YAM) Martin Cox, gathered on the steps of City Hall in a show of support for Duncan and McLaughlin. As they



"YOU ARE THE CHAMPS!" was what the children of the Plainfield YWCA shouted to the Plainfield 12-year-old Little League team as they joined them in a rally of support. The team was stripped of its title when league officials objected to two players who resided in Chatham, but won a second game 11-1.

rallied at City Hall, the players, coaches, their lawyers, and Babe Ruth representatives took their place to Morristown.

Mayor Mark Fury participated in the rally which drew children from the YWCA just across the street, who chanted "You are the champs," as they walked towards City Hall. He spoke to all the children directly, telling them they will be champions regardless of what the court rules.

"These 12-year-olds are an outstanding symbol to the rest of our young folks about what the benefits of hard work and discipline and fair play is," said Mayor Fury of the team. "No matter what happens to the team, they will be heroes to the rest of our young people."

The judge ruled because of the ruling Plainfield decided to play a second game against Flemington played without Duncan and

McLaughlin at 6 pm in North Edison. The Plainfield Baseball team originally wanted to play the repeat game without the two boys, but after an appeal from the Duncan and McLaughlin families, saying it would not be fair to the rest of the team, they reconsidered. Plainfield won the game against Flemington 11-1.

Michael Murphy, the former Morris County prosecutor fresh from his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor, represented the boys. He wanted Judge MacKenzie to rule in favor of his clients, finding them eligible to play on the team. He was also seeking a temporary restraining order against the Babe Ruth League suspending any further play in the Northern New Jersey Region.

According to Plainfield and Chatham residents, the rosters containing the names, addresses and

phone numbers of all the players were sent to state Babe Ruth officials on three occasions, including before the season started. Hal Duncan, Eric's father, also informed Babe Ruth officials as early as November that his son and McLaughlin were from Chatham.

In addition, Murphy even produced a letter from the Babe Ruth League stating that the Plainfield team has not with all of the requirements for eligibility for the 1997 tournament play. Duncan and McLaughlin played on the team for the entire season without any controversy until now.

Assistant Coach Ron Peterson was particularly upset about how this case denigrated the work and dedication of Coach Greg McCray, who he says was responsible for the growth of the league, particularly in

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Manville prayer march weathers storm



Residents of Manville, along with members of neighboring churches and organizations participate in a multicultural "prayer walk" against intolerance and hate. Residents of the town have been trying to combat a long standing image that it is a home to hate-mongers.

MANVILLE—Two churches, one a longtime local congregation, the other a multiracial church from nearby Bound Brook, together organized a prayer march July 18 in response to some residents' concerns that their town has become synonymous with racism. The march took place during the storm that wrecked havoc all over the area, and it was under those circumstances that many marchers say their call for unity was found.

"We're here to pray tonight," said Pastor Steve Strickler of the Manville Reformed Church, co-organizers of the march along with Bound Brook's Hope Church. "This is not a political demonstration, although we know there will be political consequences and ramifications.

The march brought out over 100 persons, many representing other churches and organizations, from all over the Central New Jersey area. Among them were St. Mary's in Manville, Church of the Hills in

Bedminster, and Abundant Life Christian Fellowship in Flemington. "We don't come from the same places, we're not the same denominations, look around we don't all look the same, do we?" asked Pastor Strickler, who told the crowd that this is a vision of what it will look like in heaven.

They started to march at 6:30 pm. from Manville Reformed Church's doorstep and visited a number of churches and businesses stopping to pray at each one they

pass. Pastor Clifford Wright of Hope Church went to the entrances of those buildings, offering a prayer as he held his hand against the door.

At Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pastor Strickler said his new pastor was not able to participate as he was not town, yet he sent his well-wishes.

The march was to also reach the borough hall. Before the marchers reached that destination, however, the drizzle fell periodically during the march because a full-fledged storm with winds so violent trees were knocked down and branches were hung through the air. The marchers were offered solace in a nearby pizza parlor by the proprietors, and some persons drove by offering rides back to the church.

The march produced other examples of unity and goodwill. Just after a stop at a local go-go bar, a man stepped out of a building and asked the marchers to pray for a woman who was ill and could not leave the house. Joyce Smith of Hope Church said that was the most magnificent part of this march. "It made you feel warm inside," she said. "It made me feel this is where I had to be today, regardless of whatever else is going on."

This march comes on the heels

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Trial delayed for New Brunswick 3'

NEW BRUNSWICK—The third postponement of the trial of three men charged with assaulting an off-duty police officer over 18 months ago continues the delay in a case that has stirred so much controversy, that it spawned an organization geared towards fighting police brutality.

Judge Philip L. Paley moved to August 11 as the start date for the trial of Omar Austin, 21 and Sharif Gordon, 20, both of New Brunswick, and Arnold Brown, 20, of North Brunswick. Michael A. Nelson, Austin's old attorney was being replaced due to differences with the family. Austin's new attorney, Jeffrey E. Fogel of Newark was on vacation and could not be in Superior Court New Brunswick. Judge Paley denied Fogel's written request for a September date, choosing to begin at a time that didn't conflict with the schedules of other attorneys involved with the case.

The three men—nicknamed the "New Brunswick 3"—were charged with assaulting a police officer, inciting a riot and resisting arrest. The charges stem from an incident at the old US No. 1 Flea Market that began when Austin accidentally bumped New Brunswick Police Sgt. Kenneth Millroy who was leaving his shift as a security guard at the market. An argument ensued and escalated when Millroy's son Nicolas, also working as a guard, intervened using physical force. Two were arrested, handcuffed, and escorted violently from the building. The third man was arrested at the police station when he came to inquire about his friends.

The incident outraged members of the community who were questioning Millroy's actions as well as the handling of this case by law enforcement officials. Millroy, known to residents as "a ratfucker," has been the object of controversy for some time, having been accused of using excessive force in the past. Although Millroy has been referred in some official reports as "an aggressive NYPD veteran," and he has also referred to himself once as a "rough cop" none of the allegations have been proven, and when charges were brought up by the three men's families against the officer, a department investigation cleared him of wrongdoing.

This case prompted residents and community activists to form the New Brunswick Coalition Against Police Brutality.

The Coalition, of which Austin's mother Porcia is a member, has in the past year and a half mobilized New Brunswick residents to address the issue of police brutality in their town, calling in particular for an all-elected community police review board. They were most prominent in the case last September of Carolyn "Sissy" Adams, a woman shot and killed by Officer James Consalvo during a botched arrest attempt. The Coalition sponsored rallies like the one immediately after the shooting when 300 marchers surrounded the police department, and has campaigned extensively for an indictment of Consalvo. Consalvo was later cleared of criminal charges, but resigned a day before facing

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Community Calendar

EVERY MONDAY 842-4000.
NEWARK—Employment Clinic at Essex County College. For more information, call 201-877-5335.

EVERY TUESDAY
NEWARK—Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral Businessperson's Midday Services. For more information, call 201-622-3505.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
NEWARK—Effective Parenting Skills Training at Essex County College. For more information, call 201-877-1895.

EVERY SATURDAY
PLAINFIELD—Indoor Flea Market, Downtown area. For more information, call 908-989-2663.

EVERY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
NEWARK—Free Health services by the City Dept. of Health and Human Services. For more information, call 201-735-7600.

EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
NEWARK—Psychodynamic support group for women. For more information, call 201-877-1895.

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
NEWARK—"Getting Started with the Computer" at Essex County College. For more information, call 201-877-1899.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30
MOUNTAINSIDE—Jed Doherty, otherwise known as "The Fabulous Jodel," will bring his exciting one clown show "Jeddie's Fabulous Magic Circus" to Traldis Nature and Science Center. For more information, call 908-789-3670.

NEWARK—The Newark YMCA Project Right Start, 4th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony to be held at the Newark Public Library - Centennial Hall. For more information, call 201-598-6849.

PLAINFIELD—The Second Street Youth Center Foundation, Inc. Plainfield Head start presents a Community Day Health Fair from 10am - 7pm at the Second street youth center. For more information, call 908-561-0161.

THURSDAY, JULY 31
CRANFORD—The Blood Center of NJ community blood drive by county visits to Cranford's Dairy Queen, at 337 North Ave. East from 1-7pm. For more information or to sign up to donate, call 1-800-BLOOD NJ.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
EDISON—Join Advantage for the Weekend Getaway to New England. For more information, call 1-800-222-3118.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
NEWARK—The Newark Branch NAACP presents Jobs with Justice Voter registration in conjunction with the NAACP youth council & NAACP Political Action Committee at Military Park downtown Newark at 11am. For more information, call 201-624-6400.

NEWARK—The City of Newark Department of Health and Human services division of recreation / cultural affairs presents the 1997 summer concert series in Washington Park featuring Retumba (Latin). For more information, call 973-733-6454.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
UPPER MONTCLAIR—The Montclair State University school of Conservation is offering youngsters a six-day Junior Fly Fishing School for children 11 to 14 years of age. It contains stream ecology, stream management with fly fishing skills. For more information, call 201-948-4466.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4
COLTS NECK—"Roller Hockey Camp" at the Dorbrook Recreation Area. For more information, call 908-

Isaac Hayes wins NAACP award for literacy work



Learning how to learn: Legendary composer and entertainer Isaac Hayes recently received the NAACP's prestigious James Weldon Johnson award from NAACP Regional Director Ernestine Peters (left). The NAACP bestowed the honor upon Mr. Hayes for his inspirational work in introducing African American children to the life changing study technology developed by author and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard.

The 'Real Deal' in Soweto



Top: Evander Holyfield meets Fath Khumalo, a spaza shop owner in Soweto, as the triple world heavyweight boxing champion visits South Africa as a goodwill ambassador for the Coca-Cola system. The country's spaza owners and other customers will benefit from Coca-Cola's recently announced (US) \$250 million investments in South Africa. Mr. Holyfield met with President Nelson Mandela, young people and Coca-Cola bottling partners during his four-day visit.

Bottom: Evander Holyfield is greeted by young admirers as he arrives at Johannesburg International Airport as a goodwill ambassador for Coca-Cola and its commitment to the future of South Africa. While in South Africa, the triple world heavyweight champion visited townships and community centers, talking to young people about their goals, motivating them to achieve success by overcoming adversity. The Coca-Cola system supports initiatives for young people in sports and education throughout South Africa.

Special Olympians show athletic ability at the NJ state Special olympics Summer Games



TRENTON—Special Olympians from throughout the state showcased their athletic ability in track and field events, tennis, table tennis, softball, power lifting, gymnastics, equestrian, bocce and aquatics at the New Jersey State Special Olympics Summer Games, held recently at College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College) in Ewing. But the games weren't all grueling competition. Between events, athletes strolled through the olympic Village, made festive with a carnival run by hard-working volunteers. There was lots of activity at the Quarterback Challenge booth, sponsored by Exxon, where athletes got a chance to show their passing skills with a football. All athletes who tested their hurling skills received a prize as well as a free photo with the Exxon tiger. As a special guest, Exxon brought in Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Ray Farmer, who signed autographs, posed for photos and gave the Special Olympians some tips on tossing the pigskin. Exxon and its retailers throughout New Jersey are long-time sponsors of Special Olympics.

Students' arts and crafts cheer up JCMC Pediatric Unit



Pediatrician Dr. Surinder, Joanne Reich, Director of Maternal & Child Health, and pediatric nurse Lubna Shamsuddin, accept a beautiful wreath specially decorated for the Jersey City Medical Center Pediatrics Unit from PS 22 students Brian Mills and Tanisha Lewis. Their second grade class created special cards, decorated hats and created other arts and crafts to cheer children recuperating in the hospital as a class project.

New Jersey business, health and civic leaders take on heart disease



Pictured at a recent reception to announce a 50th Anniversary American Heart Association Minority Heart Health Initiative and the 1997 Heart & Soul Gala are Annette Hubbard, R.N., M.A. founder and president emerita, Concerned Black Nurses of Newark, Inc., and Bertram Scott, president and chief executive officer of Mercy Health Plan, a 1997 Heart & Soul Gala honoree and chairman of this year's Heart & Soul Gala. Heart disease is the number one killer of African Americans and Hispanics in New Jersey. For more information about the Heart & Soul Gala, the minority heart health initiative or the 50th Anniversary (1948 - 1998) of the American Heart Association, call 1-800-AHA-USA 1.

Anheuser-Busch joins circle for '97 Essence music festival



New Orleans Mayor Marc D. Morial (right) shares a light moment with (from left) Wayman F. Smith III, vice president of corporate affairs for Anheuser-Busch Companies; Louisiana Lt. Gov. Kathleen Blanco; and Susan L. Taylor, editor-in-chief of Essence magazine, prior to the start of the 3rd Annual Essence Music Festival, the summer's premier all star gala. Music lovers from throughout the country attended the festival and enjoyed performances by some of the world's most popular entertainers, including Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight, New Edition, and Kirk Franklin and the Family. Anheuser-Busch, a charter sponsor of the Essence Music Festival, added to the festivities by hosting the "Great Soars of Barbecue" picnic on the Superdome grounds prior to the nightly concerts.

Statewide community leadership training program awards grants to local leaders

Sarah P. Murchison the "1997 Neighborhood Leadership Initiative Fellow," of Somerset, stands on the patio of Drumhewacket, the governor's residence in Princeton, at the NLI graduation ceremony on June 6, 1997. She will receive a grant of \$5,000 to the Community Foundation of New Jersey. NLI is a program of the Community Foundation of New Jersey. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that manages a wide variety of charitable funds. The Foundation promotes the betterment of the state of New Jersey and the quality of life for all its citizens by funding community-improvement programs across the state. The Foundation strongly believes in the importance of helping local leaders through training, networking and funding. NLI is now seeking applications for the class of 1998 in your area and around the state.



Applications for the 1998 program are available from the Community Foundation by calling 1-800-659-5533 x11. Applications must be received by August 15, 1997.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Conference of Mayors endorses Cooper nomination

The U.S. Conference of Mayors has officially endorsed the possible nomination of East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper as the next Assistant Administrator of the Solid Waste and Emergency Response for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This is the third highest ranking position in the agency.

In a letter to Senate Superfund Subcommittee Chairman Bob Smith and ranking minority member Frank Lautenberg, the group conveys their support in the hopes that Cooper can help "recast federal policies to more directly respond to the needs of cities and counties."

Sources in Lautenberg's office-Lautenberg is a staunch Cooper supporter-insist that the nomination is on track, citing the appearance of a delay to the naturally lengthy nomination process that includes in-depth background checks.

Representative pleased with Attorney General's Proposal on immigration

Congressman Bob Menendez said he was "elated" after hearing the recent announcement by US Attorney General Janet Reno that she will overturn the Bureau of Immigration Appeals (BIA) decision regarding Nicaraguan immigration, and will call on Congress to codify her decision.

"I am elated that we have succeeded in our efforts to restore the opportunities for Nicaraguans, Salvadorans, and Guatemalans who were forced to flee their countries due to US foreign Policy," Menendez said. These people will now have their opportunity for due process."

Menendez said they now need to make sure that the Republican members of the House will support this action. "We believe they can and they should," he said.

Building Trades endorse Governor in race

Governor Christie Whitman recently welcomed the endorsement of the South Jersey Building Trades Council. James Brennan, President of the SJBTC, announced the endorsement of Christie Whitman in her bid for re-election as Governor on behalf of the approximately 5,000 members from Atlantic City, Cape May and parts of Cumberland County.

"Christie Whitman has been a true friend to the building and construction trades in New Jersey, but her efforts are unparalleled here in South Jersey," Stated James Brennan, president of the South Jersey Building Trades Council.

"The last 3 1/2 years have seen unprecedented growth in the revitalization of Atlantic City, and Christie Whitman was the catalyst that enabled it all to happen."

"I'm proud to receive the endorsement of the South Jersey Building Trades Council," said Whitman. "The support of their members demonstrates that New Jersey's workers recognize the real progress we've made in the past three and a half years. We've created more than 190,000 new jobs and our economy leads the mid-Atlantic region. Today, more New Jerseyans are working than have been at any time in the past eight years. With the help of Speaker Jack Collins and Senator Bill Gromley, we're reviving South Jersey's economy and putting working families first."

The announcement is an another important show of labor support for Whitman's campaign. During the primary, Whitman received the endorsement of the International Longshoremen's Local 1558 at a campaign stop in Bayonne.

Neanderthal man a separate species, say researchers

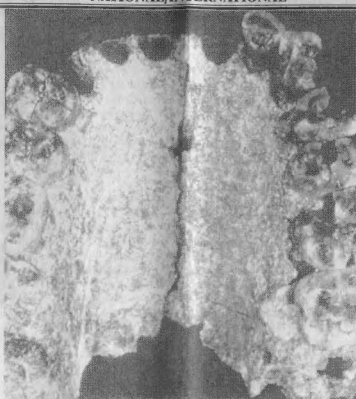
Our prehistoric human ancestors from the stone age probably looked more like Sly and the Family Stone than the Flintstones, according to researchers.

Recently, an international team of scientists from Germany's University of Munich and from Pennsylvania State University announced that they had, for the first time, removed DNA from the fossil bones of a Neanderthal, a prehistoric species regarded as an ancestor of modern humans.

Their finding revealed that Neanderthals are actually a separate species from modern humans, and are not our ancestors. The researchers also determined that their finding offers evidence that advances the theory of Africa as the birthplace of humanity.

"This is the equivalent to landing the Pathfinder on Mars and getting it to work," said Dr. Chris Stringer, an expert on early humans at the Museum of Natural History in London, England.

Dr. Stringer said the evidence found in the Neanderthal DNA strongly supported the so-called



The jaw of a 2-million-year-old ancestor of modern humans. This fossil was discovered in the Hadar region of Ethiopia.

"Out of Africa" theory of human origins. Dr. Stringer and other scientists who believe this theory say the human race began and evolved in Africa a few million years ago and later migrated and spread throughout the world about 100,000 years ago.

The opposing theory is that Homo Erectus-the Latin name given to an extinct species of human known as "upright man"-evolved outside of Africa in many different regions around the world. Both of these theories were reached by studying ancient fossil bones.

"About 100,000 years ago," said Dr. Stringer, "our real ancestors emerged from Africa."

In the April 1997 issue of Scientific American magazine, Ian Tattersall, chair of the anthropology department of New York City's American Museum of Natural History wrote "In Africa our lineage was born, all living humans are descended from an African population."

NNPA correspondent Schatzman dies

Dennis Schatzman, a correspondent for the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) who covered the O.J. Simpson trial for the Association's more than 200 member papers has died. He was 47. Schatzman, who lost a lung after a shooting years ago, died Wednesday, July 16, 1997 at an Upland hospital following a severe asthma attack, family friend Vickie Carter said. Schatzman worked at several Black newspapers including the Pittsburgh Courier and Winston-Salem Chronicle.

After moving to Los Angeles in 1990, he joined the Los Angeles Sentinel and later worked for the Black Voice News. After the Simpson trial, Schatzman wrote a book titled "The Simpson Trial in Black and White," which was published last year. He also taught journalism at California State University, Fullerton. "Dennis was a true modern-day champion of the Black Press. His mission was to inform and enlighten Black America. He did so with excellence."

School to be renamed after former Publisher

CHICAGO—A Chicago public school will be named after John Herman Henry Sengstacke, the late owner and editor of the Chicago Defender, publisher and owner of the Tri-State Defender, owner of The Pittsburgh Courier and The Michigan Chronicle, so that his memory and feats will live on in the lives of children yet unborn, a school official said recently. Janette C. Wilson, director of the Interfaith Community Partnership for the Chicago Public Schools, said the names of either a grade school or

high school will be submitted to the board later this month. "We have three legends in the African-American community who died last month," she said referring to Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor, educator; Jewel Lafontant-Mankarious, attorney as well as Sengstacke. "Each demonstrated excellence in his field and service to the broader community and should be remembered in the lives of our children and (be a part of) the educational system for years to come," Wilson stated.

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EDITORIAL

Babe Ruth officials played dirty with 12-year-olds

Well, grouches did it again. Somebody was upset that two boys playing on Plainfield's little league team were actually from Chatham. The result: The boys had to be removed and the state title was stripped from the team until they played without the Chatham boys a second game against Flemington, the team they beat for the title the first time. The team won their makeup match, but it was a lukewarm victory. One of the ousted boys was seen crying on the sidelines as his former teammates played their hearts out without him.

Everyone cried foul in this episode, from the team, to parents, to newspaper columnists and radio personalities. I seemed the only ones who thought they were right were the Babe Ruth League officials, and the judge who ruled in their favor. Never mind the fact that these same officials approved of the boys playing in Plainfield and they have been for months.

This episode has shown our children that playing by the rules really doesn't matter since the rules can change at any time. A team that tried to do the right thing and followed all the rules was punished for giving two young baseball players a chance to be a part of the team. We feel kicking the Chatham boys out of the team at the end of the season was a heartless move on the part of the Babe Ruth officials. What was supposed to be an enjoyable summer experience for the kids instead became an ugly chapter in their lives.

Babe Ruth league officials, you struck out on this one.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

Another baseball pioneer

In 1947, baseball's color barrier came tumbling down to an extraordinary African-American player named Jackie Robinson. His sportsmanship and remarkable perseverance in the face of racism will always be remembered and honored. But while Robinson was a pioneer, he was not alone in his crusade. There were many other African-Americans who helped to integrate professional baseball.

One such player was Larry Doby, who was selected to play in the major leagues just eleven days after Jackie Robinson. Larry Doby's presence also had an unprecedented impact not only on the sport of baseball, but all of America. He demonstrated intense courage and made many sacrifices to help break baseball's color barrier. As a player, Larry Doby established a foundation for hundreds of other African-American players who later ascended to the major leagues.

Larry Doby was the first African-American to play in the American League. In his 13-year career as an outfielder, Doby was named to 35 consecutive All-Star teams in the American League. He compiled a 283 lifetime batting average and hit 255 home runs. Doby spent 10 seasons with the Cleveland Indians. After he retired from playing professional baseball, Doby became the second African-American to manage a major league team—the Chicago White Sox in 1978.

For the past 38 years, Doby has lived in Montclair, devoting much of his time speaking to young people about the sport of baseball. New Jersey residents should be proud for what he has done for baseball and all of America.

As a way to pay tribute to all his hard work and accomplishments, I introduced legislation that would designate New Jersey Route 120 as the "Larry Doby Highway." The measure was approved by both the Senate and the Assembly. This formal designation would certainly be a fitting memorial to the great strides that Larry Doby made in opening the doors for African-Americans in baseball.

Assemblywoman Nia H. Gill
D-Montclair, 27th Legislative District

This way for black empowerment

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

For the last several weeks, the U.S. Senate has been conducting hearings into the financing of the 1996 presidential campaigns. While these hearings are being used by both parties to try to gain an advantage over one another, they nonetheless grow out of the very intense public concern with political corruption and with the influence of big money in politics.

Many of the political commentators and journalists covering the hearings have already stated that nothing is going to be done; that nothing will be done about political corruption, about the extent to which democracy has been subverted; that nothing can be done about the fact that so many people in the country are alienated from and distrustful of government. They say that nothing will be done. But, I disagree. I think they're wrong. Because something is being done. It's the grassroots movement for

political reform. That movement is called the Reform Party. We have some very serious problems in America. There are serious issues of poverty and joblessness and an educational system in deep, deep trouble. We have racial antagonisms and profound misunderstandings between different communities. And they must, of course, be addressed. But the problem that stands out among them is the problem of why it is that these most basic problems haven't been solved. That is our issue—that's the Reform Party's issue. We have got to turn our attention to the fact that we have a political system, a system of governance and policy making that doesn't sufficiently work to solve problems.

The problem of not being able to solve our problems is due to the excessive loyalty that most politicians have to their parties rather than to the people. It is this kind of partisanship—putting party interest above the interests of the people of the country—that must be addressed. There are Americans across this country, rich and poor, business people and civil servants, people from the Black community, the Latino community, the Asian community, the white community, the gay community, who want to come together and find real solutions. These Americans are finding that the two major parties have not served us as well as they should in this regard, because they place such a premium on loyalty to the party rather than loyalty to the people. And so we have created a new political mechanism, a new party that will not play one constituency off against another, but will instead find ways to bring people in to the process through term limits, campaign finance reform, opening up the ballot and promoting inclusion and participation at every level of the political process!

By Marilyn Herod



It was the summer of '67 when the riot broke out in Newark. I had just wandered out into the "real world" one month before—graduating from high school.

During that time, I lived in the "Weequahic" section which was also the name of the high school which I attended for four years. The section was named after the Weequahic Indians who lived on a hill in the 1600's. The present Weequahic Park was part of that hill.

Despite the '67 riots, Newark's section was an area of attractions, unfortunately, Newark did not receive much publicity until two shocking events occurred in 1967 riot and the indictment and conviction of its Mayor and other high officials in late 1969 and 1970. It was not an attractive way of putting Newark, which was once a grand city, on the map.

Before the 1967 riots, the Weequahic section was an area in which blacks and whites lived together. The public schools in our neighborhood were fairly good, but

PART I

By Cong. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.



On June 14, President Clinton went to the University of San Diego and launched a one year initiative on race, entitled One America. The President's initiative will combine constructive dialogue, study and action. He says such an effort at racial reconciliation is a personal and life long commitment.

Now is the time to begin such a dialogue, he says, because the economy is doing well and the nation is not confronted with a racial crisis. He argues, let's take advantage of this opportunity by looking at a vision of racial reconciliation that provides a just and unified America. Let's teach the nation the facts surrounding the issue of race. Let's promote a constructive dialogue to confront and work through the difficult and controversial issues surrounding race. Let's recruit and encourage leadership at all levels to help bridge racial divides. And let's

By George Wilson

"These days, just having a good government job is not enough," Congressman Albert Wynn said. "People want to move forward. They want to move up into management. They are not just satisfied with a 'good government job.' Wynn observed if one needs proof that "Jim Crow" is alive and quite well in the federal workforce, consider several points. 1) Senior management positions (OS 13, 14, 15 and Senior Executive Service), in the government are sorely lacking minority participation. 2) According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), all minorities comprise just 13 percent of GS 15's. For example, the

Department of Agriculture has 1,159 GS 15 employees with just 38 African-Americans holding those positions. Incidentally, the EEOC currently has a 100,000 case backlog in discrimination cases. The Department of Agriculture has over 1,400 complaints pending. The Interior Department has 774 complaints and the Department of Transportation has 663 complaints. These agencies show a real disdain for African-American employees and seem to be sending a clear signal that "if you work here, it's going to be a bumpy ride."

Finally, the Library of Congress employs approximately 2,000 African-Americans who have been locked in a bitter struggle with its management over hiring and promotion practices. Things became so bad that African-American employees filed a class-action suit against the Library.

On the surface, it appeared that Blacks won the lawsuit, however, the Library has virtually ignored a court order to stop discriminating. In fact, the employees have filed another suit challenging the way that the Library selects employees. One of the ways, through interviews, have been used to blatantly discriminate, Blacks say.

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still, there was a lot of animosity building up there as well as in most of the sections of Newark.

I remember working at the United Community Corporation, (UCC), on Springfield Avenue where the riots really got out of hand.

Working in that district, I learned first-hand of the problems of unemployment, school overcrowding, slum living and how people had to abandon their homes because the city condemned these places and in many cases failing to find them elsewhere. The city had plans to construct in those areas. The plan was to "improve" the district eventually. But what about immediate needs?

Several days later, a meeting was held at Newark's Symphony Hall at which a group of blacks accused the Newark police of brutality and the city administration with the failure to solve the problems of the poor. Many of the top officials were not present at the meeting including Hugh Addonizio who was Mayor at the time. As a result, Newark residents became angry because of the Mayor's lack of concern about their problems.

Then, on a Thursday evening, July 13, 1967, an African American taxi driver, John W. Smith, was

find, develop and implement solutions in critical areas such as education, economic opportunity, housing, health care, crime and the administration of justice.

The President established a board of seven to advise on outreach efforts and consultations with experts, chaired by the distinguished African American and historian, Dr. John Hope Franklin. Significant presidential events and actions will take place throughout the year. For example, there will be a November 10, White House Conference on Hate Crimes. There will be outreach, consultation and leadership recruitment. The President will issue a report to the American people next summer which will offer a vision of One America, reflect the year's work, document how the nation has evolved on the issue of race over the past 30 years, and make recommendations and offer solutions for individuals, communities, corporations and government at all levels.

Clear enough. The President makes a strong case and puts forth a morally sound program. It is clearly

A good government job?

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stopped for a traffic violation which resulted in his arrest. According to eyewitnesses he was mistreated by two white policemen. Crowds gathered outside the Precinct. This became the spark that ignited the Newark riot. Before it was over, 26 persons were dead and millions of dollars in property damage occurred.

I'll never forget the riot scene aftermath. On a bus returning from Monrreal, my sister and I were shocked at what we saw. The city looked like what I imagined World War II might have looked like: army tanks, rifles, and the national guardmen on every corner.

From July 14 through July 17, a third of the city was an "armed camp." During the next few nights my family and I slept little because of the sounds of guns firing in the streets and our own fears for safety. A few blocks away, a young girl was looking out of her window during the riots and was shot and killed accidentally by the police. This led to some precautions like keeping away from windows and lying down on the floors in our homes for safety reasons.

"Get away from that window," my mother would shout. I would sit on the couch quietly thinking, "Gee," I thought, "the sounds I hear

better than the aggressive race baiting of Presidents Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George Bush. It's also better than saying and doing nothing." It's certainly good, but is it adequate? And will it work to bring about racial reconciliation? The answer to those questions are not as obvious!

Having acknowledged the positive in the President's race initiative, there remain many questions. Is a one-year plan directed at solving the nation's 378-year-old problem adequate and as serious as it ought to be? The Marshall Plan for rebuilding a war-devastated western Europe was a 25-year economic plan of redevelopment, not a dialogue on national and regional reconciliation.

Today the White House and both Democrats and Republicans are discussing that same promissory note, bounced check, and bank of justice, except they are using code words. Today, the false bankruptcy is called "balancing the budget," "reducing the federal deficit," and passing a "Balanced Budget Amendment."

Talking about race and racial

are not make-believe but real! The violence in the streets was real." And this thought frightened me even more.

My poor father, tired from a day's work, was ordered by the police (for safety reasons), to park his car and walk the rest of the way home. As he entered the door he would say, "I had to walk all the way up the hill again," and "I have had it up to here!" placing his hand above his neck. Every night around the time I figured Dad was on his way home, I'd pray for his safety.

Many businesses were vacant. Many were also burned down by the owners themselves after realizing they had lost everything anyway.

The following years and until now, Newark has had some good and some bad experiences as a large urban city in New Jersey.

Despite the problems that the city has confronted through the years, it has become a city on the move. Businesses and new homes have been built. The city has been viewed as an art center and college town that includes the Newark Museum, the restoration of the Newark Armory Hall and the addition of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and reputable schools namely Rutgers University, and New Jersey Institute of Technology.

reconciliation, without its economic content, is becoming the "in" thing, even politically acceptable. Even Speaker Newt Gingrich has called for new ideas (presumably conservative ones) to solve the problems of race, drugs and illiteracy.

President Clinton has said: "In the end, more than anything else, our world leadership grows out of the power of our example here at home, out of our ability to remain strong as one America... We are the world's most diverse democracy, and the world looks to us to show that it is possible to live and advance together across those kinds of differences... Building one America is our most important mission... money cannot buy it. Power cannot compel it. Technology cannot create it. It can only come from the human spirit."

I don't know what that sounds like to you, but to me it sounds like racial justice on the cheap, "racial justice" without an economic content. And ultimately, racial justice on the cheap and without an economic content won't work.

Continued next week

Support for Newark police review board

Statement by Lawrence Harim, Chairman, People's Organization for Progress at a press conference held July 14, 1997:

The People's Organization for Progress supports the establishment of citizen controlled police review boards with subpoena powers and independent legal counsel in all cities and towns with sizable police forces, and especially those that have a history of police brutality.

Our organization believes that such boards, if they are properly organized and empowered, can be an effective instrument in the effort to check the incidence of police brutality and misconduct.

As a result of the recent fatal shooting of Danette Daniels by a Newark police officer, the Mayor and City Council are considering the establishment of a citizen controlled

police review board in this city. It is our hope that they will do so.

However, hope alone is not enough. Police organizations and others are pressuring the city's elected officials not to take this action. That is why at this time, it is extremely important for community leaders and citizens to act now and voice their support for a police review board.

The shooting of Danette Daniels is but the most recent of a long line of incidents where community leaders and residents felt the use of force by police was unjustified. After such occurrence, we were assured that changes would be made in police training, procedures and operations to prevent future tragedies. But they keep happening. It is clear that stronger steps must be taken, and the next step must be the establishment of independent citizen controlled police review board.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

KANSAS CITY—The 2nd annual "Best Practices" in MBE programs, a practitioner's approach to managing MBE programs. For more information, call 612-781-5819.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

NEW YORK—The National Business Council is leading its second trade mission to Puerto Rico. The trade mission will conclude on August 27. The trade mission will be led by NABC chairman, Ernest P. Gonzalez, chairman and CEO of Caprine Chemicals, Inc. For more information, call 212-573-2385.

National Council of Negro Women awards outstanding teachers

WASHINGTON—The points have been tallied, the votes are in, and the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), announces the 1997 winners of its Excellence in Teaching Award (ETA). Selected for the innovative skill and enthusiasm with which they execute their craft, these outstanding educators go beyond the call of duty to instill in students a thirst for knowledge and prepare them to face the world with pride and a zest for achievement.

Sponsored by Shell Oil Company, the award honors seven teachers who have made significant contributions to the education of African American children.

Julia Blair Battle is this year's national winner. "Every teacher is first a student, and then spends a lifetime sharing knowledge with others," says Battle. For 14 years, Battle, who is an accomplished vocalist, has helped students achieve educational excellence through music.

The Mid-Atlantic region winner is Eleanor Stewart, who has taught at the District of Columbia's William B. Powell Elementary School for 30 years. Also a musician, Stewart continuously stimulates and motivates students to achieve a high standard of excellence and performance," says her principal, Harriet Weatherspoon.

Patricia D. Oyeshika's 26 years of experience teaching high school English and world literature has earned her the Excellence in Teaching Award for the western region. "The greatest part of teaching, in my opinion, is learning," says Oyeshika.

When I have learned something in the classes that I've taught, I am sure that the students have also learned."

Representing the midwest region is Francine E. J. Johnson, who has spent the past 11 of her 19 years of teaching at the Oscar Stanton Prentiss Elementary School in Chicago. "This is the kind of

school I envisioned when I played school" with my siblings and cousins," Johnson recalls. "Our students don't just hear and see our curriculum; they feel it touch it, inhale it and savor it."

Eva J. Spence-Johnson, the northeast regional winner, encourages her students to look past obstacles. Although many of them require special education, she has taught them not to be handicapped by their limitations. "I match the special education curriculum as closely as possible with the regular education programs," says Spence-Johnson.

Southern regional winner, Arinda Davis-Jones, teaches first grade at the Avondale Elementary School in Birmingham, Alabama. "Children are not always aware that they can accomplish their dreams. We set goals together and work on strategies to achieve them," says Davis-Jones.

The Excellence in Teaching Award is a tribute to the legacy of



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Gloria Gilmore, Ms. Ann Wright, Dr. William Trueheart and Dr. Dorothy Height (center).

NCNW founder, Mary McLeod Bethune. To help ensure that the contributions educators make will

not be minimized, the award promotes the advancement of educational opportunity for African American students, and focuses attention on an honorable and prestigious profession.

Black Publishers urge vigilance for economic growth

NORFOLK, VA—The retail industry is coming back to Urban America," according to Ken Smikle, President of Target Market News. "Disney is opening a store on 125th Street and Frederick Douglass Blvd. in Harlem. Other businesses in other cities are gearing up to follow. They know where the new money is and economic development will take off in a huge way."

Smikle lead a spirited workshop during the recent 57th Annual Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) in which he contended that "no other publishers are in a better position to benefit from the growing inner city economic growth than you are. Black newspapers can be the crusaders for information and for justice. They are holding together as an industry while the general papers are not. You can be the advocates for making the best use of the billions of dollars we all represent as consumers."

Smikle produces a newsletter and an annual report on the black economy called *The Buying Power of Black America*. He urged publishers to do the kind of research needed to serve the diverse interests of

Black America. "There is a lot of information available on the African-American market," Smikle continued, "and it will be up to you to make certain to develop expertise in your market."

Smikle maintains that unless blacks "pair-up" with new investors, publishers will be at a further disadvantage than a decade ago.

Rodney E. Slater, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, provided the newspaper-owners a two-pronged plan that would put his agency more deeply into economic development in minority communities. Slater said: "I hope in the next six years minority and women-owned businesses will construct \$20-billion in highways and transit systems. The President believes in mending, not ending affirmative action."

Slater said: "The President's number one priority in the second term is education, where people can build their own capacity. I plan to visit the toughest schools, recruiting one million kids to go into high-paying transportation jobs, and bringing in private sector partners to mentor them in needed math and science skills."

As in past years, Philip Morris



Dorothy M. Leveil, right, prior to her re-election to another two-year term as President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, greets George L. Knott, II, second from right, vice president, Corporate Affairs Strategy and Communications, Philip Morris Companies Inc., during the President's Reception at the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Va. Also shown are, from left, Wanda Hopkins, Molly Walsh, Brenda Andrews and Teri Mendez.

Companies Inc. hosted the publishers' Annual President's Reception at the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Va. The program included remarks by George L. Knott, Vice President, Corporate Affairs Strategy and Communications, Philip Morris Companies Inc. The Host-Publisher, Brenda Andrews, of the *New Journal and Guide*, delivered a wel-

come. Newly re-elected NNPA President, Dorothy Leveil, thanked all the publishers and promised to pursue a vision, which will include a heightened national and international profile for the organization; a rise in advertising revenues, and the forging of stronger relationships with other African American orga-

nizations. "We are pleased to see publishers continuing their pursuit of excellence in a framework of importance to all of us," said Frank Gomez, Director of Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., a long time sponsor of the Association. "The Association members have made us all proud."

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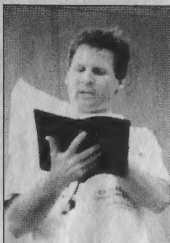
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Manville: holds prayer march

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of growing concerns about the racism that for many in the Central New Jersey area has been associated with the town. The most recent concerns come from resident Jo Ann Rivera and her husband Richard, who have worked with Pastor Strickler and other members of the community to stem the racism they themselves say they had to experienced as an interracial couple (Jo Ann is white and part Cherokee; Richard is Hispanic and Italian). The Riveras have said they and their children have been the targets of harassment and physical assaults, and since they have been moving forward, even more so. Manville Police Chief Michael Moschak has spoken about this and the other events concerning the Riveras, and has said there was no evidence of the incidents were race-related.

The prayer march went past the bar over which the Riveras lived when much of the incidents occurred. It was here where the marchers seen their only sign of



Pastor Steve Strickler of the Manville Reformed Church hostility—patrons inside gesturing toward them and motioning them to leave.

Despite the weather and the small hint of hostility, the marchers were very pleased. "A bar patron said 'Next time you come bring another storm.' That's what he said to me," said Minister John Sweeney, also of Hope Church. "We didn't

bring the storm, the storm was our doing. We brought Christ to the town, and we brought Christ through the town."

"All the power went out and people had to come outside and see what was going on," Minister Sweeney continued. "Because the power went out people were standing outside. The people that we prayed for on the way up Main Street on the way back down were standing outside, and we were able to speak to them and explain what we were doing."

The town's weekly paper, the Manville News has reported some local officials, including Mayor Angelo Corradino, saying that while they agree that, as in other towns, there are persons in Manville who discriminate against others because of race, they are, however, a minority of the populace. Councilman Michael Polak was reported as saying that minorities do not live in Manville not because of bias but because there are not many opportunities for minorities to find housing.

Little league: officials strike out players

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Above: Plainfield 12-year-old Little League team stands on City Hall steps during Friday's rally. Below: Plainfield Mayor Mark Furry gives the boys words of encouragement.



regards to stressing education. "His concern for the league, how he has built it up in the past five years has been phenomenal," he said. "I feel in this issue about potential intelligibility of the players, that Greg would never knowingly jeopardize his league for the sake of just two players playing. There's too much

hard work done by him and the other resident of Plainfield on this."

According to Coach John Richards, the team has been told that the complaints originated from the Edison Boys Baseball Program, considered an "arch-rival" of the Plainfield team. "We've heard that there are people over there grum-

bling and they have been leading people to look into this," he said. "We've been above board, we've disclosed all of these kids from the beginning of the season, have had approval of these kids playing in our league, and we've had approval of the kids both in district and state to join the tournament team, so we feel like we have a very strong position."

Ironically, the repeat game against Flemington was to be played Thursday at Edison Boys Field, but was rained out, moving the game to the next day. Richards said they able to get a change of venue to North Edison due to the circumstances.

Just as ironic, the major concern with parents and coaches in the beginning was the fact that the boys would be among just three white players on the team. That concern was gone quickly vanished as the boys built a camaraderie with other players and performed well on the team through the seven-game district and state playoffs. The team is so close-knit, in fact, that they voted earlier in the week not to play in the regionals if Duncan and McLaughlin could not play with them.

"I hope the people of New Jersey will recognize that the city of Plainfield welcomed these young men with open arms (and) are glad to have them," Mayor Furry said. "We're proving that folks from different parts of New Jersey can work together and play together, and it's a shame that the shortsightedness of the Babe Ruth administration is causing this kind of confusion in these young men's lives."

New Brunswick 3 trial delayed

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disputing hearings.

The Coalition has continuously called for Sgt. Milroy's dismissal from the force, citing the past grievances made against him. Portia Aulin reiterated this call on Sunday, during an interview on radio station WBAL. "He has wrecked havoc throughout this community on all levels, and the city administration knows about it," Aulin also said that motions brought before the judge



for Milroy's personal file brought to the public have been turned down.

Photo caption:

Ines Baer, mother of Anthony Baer who was killed by a New York police officer, stands with Portia Aulin of the New Brunswick Coalition Against Police Brutality. Aulin's son Omar is one of three men accused of assaulting a controversial New Brunswick Police officer.

Islam

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active, like during the 60's Civil Rights era.

Reverend Al Allen, of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, on Springfield Avenue in Newark, said the reason they are leaving is because black men like the discipline Islam offers.

"We don't hold people accountable where as Islam would, and that is something that men in general respect. We fight against it and act like we don't like it, but we respect discipline," said the 32-year-old Allen.

In the United States one-third of the 4 million converts to Islam were African-American, and by the year 2000 it is expected to be the second largest religion in the US. And many of the converts were former members of the Christian church.

The reasons behind this new upsurge in converts to Islam is multifaceted. Some still see Christianity as the turn-the-other-cheek religion that was popular during the Civil Rights era. And the image of the white, blond-hair blue-eyed Jesus as the religion imposed on their forefathers during slavery.

Malcom X, who converted to the Nation Of Islam while he was in prison, and later switched to orthodox Islam, also influenced many African Americans to become Muslim.

Today the church remains to have a somewhat of a passive appeal that doesn't attract young men, like the popular Muslim organization. The Nation Of Islam, is seen as being productive and actively involved in the community.

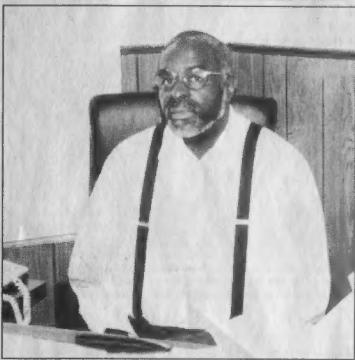
However, many Muslims don't consider the Nation of Islam real Muslims. For instance, the NOI teaches racial separation and advocates pride in the black race, while orthodox Islam teaches love of all humanity and does not distinguish between the races. Yet the NOI still attracts a substantial amount of young urban black men to their organization.

Being a Muslim has an appeal that many young men in distressed urban areas find honorable, because Islam stresses discipline and a strict moral code. For example Muslims are forbidden to engage in pre-marital sex, sex, drink, gamble and eat pork.

Dr. Rod Bush, professor of African-American Studies at Seton Hall University said, the changing attitude toward the church is something that emerged over the course of history. This century is when things began to change with the advent of Jim Crow and the urbanization of the black population.

"The young black men tended to find their community on the streets where they would try to figure out how to deal with situations," said Dr. Bush, who also teaches a class on the black church. "And here is where Malcom X and the Nation of Islam came in, a group of people who were very much open to their message, because the church had essentially failed them."

Salaam turned to Islam because he felt he needed a sense of direction. "Islam itself is a way of life, so if that's the way you want to live and do right for yourself, to go find truth—which is Islam," Salaam explained.



Imam Ali Muslim of Masjid Mohammed in Newark.

"Islam has no faults in it, everything is straight forward. Anything you want to know you can find it (in Islam). The Bible has been tampered with so many times you don't know what to believe."

The Islamic Culture Center in the heart of Newark's shopping district is usually packed with more than a hundred men on Friday, the day the Imam—who would be the equivalent of a Reverend—conducts the service. Traditionally in Islam, men and women are separated into different rooms during service.

It is a stark contrast to the presence of young men in Allen's church, where black men are usually middle-aged and elderly. Despite the immaculate decorum of the church's appearance and its mentoring programs to attract young men the church hasn't reached the level of success of Islam.

Salaam sat at his desk, his back straight and hands folded, and a gentle smile broke through as he recalled his first visit to the Islamic Culture Center.

"A brother had invited me here about ten years ago, and once I saw how it was I wanted to get more involved. I was so nervous I didn't know what to do," recalled Salaam.

Salaam's parents were Catholic and he went to church because his parents took him there. He says he would have stopped attending if he knew Islam then.

"A person who says he is a Christian or Baptist or whatever, in his weekly days what he is doing," said Salaam. "He is either hugged up with a girl or trying to get the number or something. Friday he is going out and Sunday he wants to go to church and repent. See, this is to me another picture how I got out of it."

Rev. Allen agreed that the church has been trapped in antiquity and has not adequately dealt with that.

"For many years we have presented this blond-haired blue eyed Christ and this is not the historical Christ in the Bible," said Allen who has been a Baptist all his life. "Archaeological evidence has proven that. However, for many of our churches that is still part of the psyche."

Allen's Metropolitan Baptist Church is trying to compete with Mosques in attracting young males in a program called The Young Men of Valor. In where they try and re-

institute some of the discipline that young men need. Allen said, they teach them discipline, personal hygiene, self-respect, how to speak in public and how to give someone a firm handshake.

As an institution that has been at the forefront for social change in fighting racism and other ills in the black community for decades becomes less vocal, it will have to be more assertive if it wants to have the influence and growth Islam continues to have in urban communities.

All Muslim, Imam of Masjid Mohammed in Newark says though, the church is still active in drawing new followers, though it is more on the lines of having "bright minds" comparing the Christian faith with that of Islam and coming to a decision based on the scriptures and the condition of black people.

Dr. Bush says that if the church wants to get it right they have to do the same things that organizations like the Nation Of Islam is doing to attract young men. "But the problem is not that they aren't doing anything, it is just that they have failed to address the needs of young black men," commented Dr. Bush.

Salaam who lives in Newark said the decision to be a Muslim is an individual choice. "It's in the person. He's got to say, 'Man I'm tired of the police chug me, I'm tired of going down to Green street (police station), and my moms got to come get me. It's the individual who still wants to do what he wants to do,'" said Salaam.

Imam Muslim said many of the converts in his Masjid were former high school dropouts and drug dealers, who after coming into Islam go back to school for their GED's and even college and begin to live better lives.

Besides converting to Islam to reinforce one's own moral character and convictions, Imam Muslim sees the conversion of young men as a way of identifying with their heritage and culture.

"I think the biggest motivation is identity. African-American men who are coming to Islam are looking for a new identity, and they identify with the Muslim community culturally; and Islam offers this. So this is very attractive to the young bright one, looking for a bright future," said Imam Muslim.



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Justice Department stands by decision in postal worker case

In a letter to William Frazier, Executive Vice-President of the North Jersey Area Local American Postal Workers Union, the Acting US Assistant Attorney General maintained that the decision not to file criminal charges against a white court officer who fabricated a sexual charge was appropriate.

Former Court Officer Lisa Horton Wright was placed in the Pretrial Diversion Program after she told officials she was sexually assaulted in the Newark Main Post Office by a black male. The incident sparked controversy made worse when criminal charges were dropped. "We conducted a full investigation and carefully considered all of the facts and evidence in making our final decision," Acting ASAG Attorney General John C. Keeney said in his letter, a response to an earlier one from Frazier. "We continue to believe that a Pretrial Diversion Agreement was the appropriate in this case."

McDonald's announces '97 GospelFest Fellowship Awards

As part of McDonald's GospelFest, tri-state area McDonald's Restaurants have raised \$20,000 for the 1997 McDonald's GospelFest Fellowship Award program. The Fellowship Award program is a scholarship fund to benefit local students with an interest in pursuing a music education.

Applicants must submit an essay addressing the topic of "What Community Spirit Means to Me." The awards are worth \$1,000 each and are paid directly to the private/public school, college or university that the recipient attends or plans to attend. To be eligible, students must reside in the tri-state region, consisting of the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, Upstate New York (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Southern Westchester, and Ulster), Northern and Central New Jersey or Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Applications must be submitted, along with a letter of recommendation and the essay, by October 31, 1997.

College Internships available at Union Sheriff's Office

UNION-The Union County Sheriff's Office once again will be offering a College Intern Program which will be open to all Junior's and Senior's with a GPA of 3.0.

Any student with an interest in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice as a major can apply for an Intern.

Application by calling (908)527-4957.

All applications must be received by September 3, 1997.

Newark adopts special tax exemption for Brownfield redevelopment

NEWARK-The Municipal Council has unanimously approved an Environmental Opportunity Zone (EOZ) Ordinance to encourage the cleanup and reuse of environmentally contaminated, abandoned or underutilized industrial and commercial properties.

"The EOZ is a 'win-win' situation for the City of Newark and its residents," said Mayor Sharpe James.

"By offering companies a 10-year tax discount, the land containing contaminants will be remediated creating a safer environment. Furthermore, economic development is stimulated, bringing jobs and royalties to the city."

Program honors Maria Vizcarondo-DeSoto with Woodruff Award

Maria Vizcarondo-DeSoto, President and CEO of the United Way of Essex and Hudson Counties will be honored with the Project 2000 Woodruff Award.

The award, named for the late Connie Woodruff, is given to a community leader that exemplifies the legacy of the late community leader, journalist, educator, labor specialist, and champion for women.

DeSoto, in her constant pursuit of championing the rights of women, children, and minorities, was a clear choice for this year's award based on her implementing The United Way's Celebrity Read program to Project 2000 schools.

Derek Jeter gives N.J. Little Leaguers a lift

NEWARK—Derek Jeter, New York Yankees' shortstop and American League "Rookie of the Year," was welcomed recently by Newark Mayor Sharpe James during a spirited Little League baseball clinic for more than 200 youngsters at Military Park.

Drawing participants ages 6 to 15 from each of the city's five wards, the Little Leaguers warmed immediately to the Pepsi-Cola-sponsored question - and-answer session where the celebrated 23-year-old baseball superstar offered baseball's next generation of competitors advice, counsel and encouragement about baseball and life.

Jeter is part of the successful Pepsi Stuff merchandise campaign.

Born in Pequannock, N.J., northwest of Newark, Jeter admitted to having played baseball from a very early age and said he was happy to have had strict parents.

"My parents let me play from an early age," Jeter said, "but they would only let me play if I studied

hard and did well in school. They made getting an education my priority."

Some of the children's questions roamed outside the baseball diamond. Jeter was asked to name his "favorite basketball player." He named Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley, among others.

The baseball clinic was conducted across the street from the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), a newly built facility scheduled to open in October. Center officials and Pepsi-Cola representatives took the occasion to announce a series of joint marketing, promotional and charitable events to follow the Derek Jeter baseball clinic.

The officials announced an exclusive multiyear strategic alliance that makes Pepsi the "Official Soft Drink" of the new center, scheduled to open on Oct. 18.

Constructed on a 12-acre site at the Newark Riverfront, the NJPAC includes Prudential Hall, a



The baseball clinic led by Derek Jeter, center, brought more than 200 Little League baseball players to Newark's Military Park, where the superstar shortstop told the crowd of children that his priority as a Little Leaguer was not only to play good baseball, but also to get a well-rounded education.

Newark teachers file second suit, get support from NAACP

by Sonya Kimble-Ellis

NEWARK—The battle continues in the case of the Newark teachers suspended for allegedly participating in a \$3.5 million dollar insurance fraud led by psychologist Karl Lichtman between 1992 and 1996.

The teachers have filed a second lawsuit. This suit, filed with the State of New Jersey's Civil Rights Division, is against the Board of Education. Although it was filed March 26th, five days after the initial lawsuit, papers weren't served to the Board until several weeks ago. The first suit charged the Newark School District, Superintendent Beverly Hall, the Newark Teacher's Union and a service employees union local with wrongdoing against the teachers.

This suit was filed in court on the federal level," said Elanah Butler, one of the suspended teachers and spokesperson for the complainants. In their latest suit, the teachers charge the Newark Board with unlawful employment practice and allege that they were unlawfully discriminated against based on race (the suspended teachers were all black).

The suit also charges that while some teachers were suspended, others were forced to retire or resign,

and that during January of this year, several black teachers, in Camden Middle School specifically, were replaced by white teachers. Complainants in the suit are also requesting compensatory damages for mental pain and suffering, economic loss and humiliation.

Support for the teachers has been growing. Suzie McGhee, president of the Newark branch of the NAACP recently sent a letter in support of the teachers to Superintendent Hall. In summation, the letter took the following position: "All Newark School System employees alleged in the recent insurance fraud incident, and who maintain their innocence, should 1) be fully and immediately reinstated to their previous positions of employment and 2) be fully compensated for lost work hours until all appropriate legal investigations and actions have been conducted and completed."

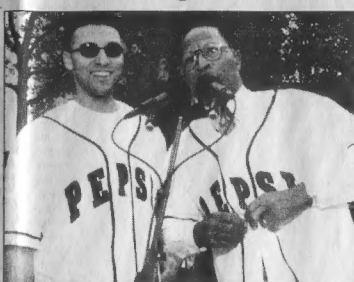
McGhee's letter stated, as well, that the NAACP isn't taking a stance on the guilt or innocence of the teachers but is supporting their fight to fairness and due process. Copies of the letter were sent to Education Commissioner Klagholz, Mayor Sharpe James, Governor Christie Whitman and the Newark City Council.

Burgers, beaches, baseball and...heating oil?

NEW JERSEY—The New Jersey Citizens Action Oil Group (NCAOG) says the summer time is a crucial time for residents to think about the use of heating oil in their home. The summertime is when consumers commit themselves to companies for the year through budget plans, service contracts and tank coverage programs. And coincidentally "now is the time when companies are offering their lowest prices of the year for heating oil." "Most consumers don't want to think about next winter,"

according to Assistant Director Dean Post. "Once you start a budget plan or sign up for a service contract and/or tank coverage, you stay with that company for the year or forfeit those options you started in the summer. Consumers need to look at a company's benefits over the long haul. Ask for high, low and average prices for the year, when did they occur; and win, did price spikes happen."

For more information, contact NCAOG at 1-800-464-8465.



Suiling up recently for their participation in the Pepsi-sponsored Little League Baseball Clinic are Derek Jeter, New York Yankees shortstop and American League "Rookie of the Year," left, and Newark Mayor Sharpe James.

2,750-seat theater, Victoria Theater, a 500-seat playhouse, two restaurants, rehearsal and banquet facilities; and Theater Square, a public plaza and outdoor performance

space.

The new center features below-ground parking for 1,100 vehicles and two on-site aboveground lots.



A minor leaguer at the Little League Baseball clinic Newark recently got the full attention of American League "Rookie of the Year" Derek Jeter. The toddler in overalls will be eligible for Little League competition when he is 6 years old.

Urban women's center improves lives

PLAINFIELD—When Ms. Viola Nelson came to the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield in early 1996 as an enrollee in the Green Thumb program to perform light housekeeping duties, she did not imagine how much positive change her life would take.

With her gentle manner, Ms. Viola, as she is affectionately called, immediately became part of the YWCA family. When staff members learned of some of Ms. Viola's personal needs, she was referred to the Urban Women's Center, assigned a counselor, and given additional special attention by UWC Director Mildred Leverett.

With the YWCA staff's assistance, Ms. Viola received expenses for lunch and transportation. When she needed a winter coat to keep her warm during the long periods she

waits for the bus, Leverett referred her to the Working Wardrobe, an agency where the UWC sends clients for appropriate work clothes when they are reentering the job market.

In addition, Leverett began advocating on Ms. Viola's behalf to find improved living conditions, including a facility where she would be able to prepare meals. Eventually, as a result of the strong advocacy role played by Leverett, in April Ms. Viola moved into her own one-bedroom apartment in a senior citizens facility in Plainfield. Other staff members at the YWCA immediately began providing furnishings and other items to help Ms. Viola's new place become a home.

Green Thumb, INC., provides employment and training opportunities to people 55 and older. It

Training leads to real jobs for teens

NEWARK—For the past two years the Urban League of Essex County in Newark and Montclair, NJ has quietly operated the School-To-Work pilot for the Newark School District. Over 200 high school students from low-income families have completed the training and workplace internship! The program, comprehensive, structured and rigorous, is designed to help economically excluded students prepare for and experience the competitive challenge, of the workplace. As a historically African American organization typically staffed by successful blacks, we take a "no-excuses - high expectations if you can do it you can too" approach in our training programs for youths and adults.

Employers in urban Essex County, NJ are responding positively. The list of workplace internship sponsors includes many employers who have returned for a second year, providing a 100% internship placement rate and job placements for students this spring.

The program components integrate 12 weeks of academic enrichment with federally approved Youth Employment Competencies, basic and advanced computer literacy, per post testing to confirm information retention and skills mastery, and monitoring of school grades. At the end of the classroom training, students are assigned to four-week workplace internships to gain experience and be evaluated prior to job search and placement. For more information call 201-746-9438.

New Jersey participates in National Night Out

On or around August 5, municipalities across the country will take part in National Night Out, an anti-crime program that also seeks to build a partnerships between police and community. Towns in New Jersey are planning to be a part of this program with block parties and rallies.

Traditionally, the event happens on the first Tuesday of August. Since towns, however, have events scheduled starting on the weekend prior.

In New Brunswick, the Group Leader Association will throw a barbecue for the event on Aug. 2 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the New Brunswick High School Stadium. The area hospitals will participate with information on health, the Royal Ulster Drill Team will perform, and a town show will also be a part of the festivities. The Group Leader Association is a non-profit organization looking for donations and support. For more information, contact Sgt. Bacon via pager,

(908)627-1060.

The police in Plainfield are organizing a Sunday afternoon youth program for August 3 from 2 to 6 pm at Library Park (W. 9th St. and College Place). There will be musical performances as well as free soda and balloons for children.

Asbury Park, participating for its fourth year, is organizing a rally for August 5 where community members will meet in various areas of town and march to the borough hall. Speakers such as Gloria Fredricks, Executive Editor of the State Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, will address the crowd. For more information, contact Barbara Lesinski, (732)775-5246.

In Passaic on August 5, between 12 pm to 4 p.m., The Community Police, Passaic Alliance, and the Hispanic Info Center sponsor an outdoor event on Gregory Ave. Shop Rite and A & P will provide free hot dogs, a DJ will provide music, and there will be a

chalk drawing contest for the kids. The Fire Department, paramedics, and the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit will also participate. For more information, call Robin Burgos at (973)365-5695.

Franklin Township (Somerset) has several block parties in a number of locations of August 5. Between the hours of 11 am to 10 pm, six events are scheduled for more information, contact Det. Patrick Colligan at (908)873-5533, Ext. 505.

Events are also planned for Paterson. For information, call (201)881-6905.

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NEWARK—Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, offers a number of free support groups. Please call the number listed for each group for schedule and more information:

Sickle cell support group. This group is open to sickle cell patients, family and friends. Call (973) 926-7609.

Breast cancer patient support group. Open to breast cancer patients. For schedule call (973) 926-7609.

Cancer patient support group. Open to cancer patients. Meets second Monday of the month, 7-8 p.m. Call (973) 926-7609.

Society of heartbeats support group. Open to heart and lung transplant patients and their families. Meets first Friday of the month, 7-9 p.m. Call (973) 926-7509.

Perinatal bereavement support group. Open to those who have experienced pregnancy loss, miscarriage, still birth or newborn death. Call (973) 926-7278.

Internal Cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) support group. Open to all individuals who have had ICDs implanted. Call (973) 926-7287 for meeting schedule.

Asthma support group. Provides support for adult asthma sufferers. Call (609) 820-9111.

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Dialysis support group. For people receiving dialysis treatment for renal disease. Call (973) 926-7609 for details.

Lupus foundation of America support group. For lupus patients and their families. For schedule, call (973) 791-7868.

TIPS FOR STAYING COOL IN SUMMER HEAT

The City of Newark's Heat Wave Preparedness Task Force recently issued a citizen's hot weather tips alert list regarding hot weather precautions. The task force advises residents to do the following:

- Increase liquid intake, especially water and gatorade, even if you are not thirsty. (Caution: individuals with heart disease should consult a physician).

- Seek a cool area with a fan or air conditioning in which to rest.

- Wear thin loose clothing.
- Take frequent cool baths or showers.
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight whenever possible.
- Avoid strenuous physical activity.
- Seek emergency medical care or dial 911 when experiencing any of the following excessive: unquenchable thirst; nausea; vomiting; loss of appetite; headache; slurred speech; muscular incoordination; impaired judgment; cramps; confusion; weakness; fatigue; faintness; agitation or hyperemotional.

If residents have any questions regarding hot weather precautions, they may contact the Newark Department of Health and Human Services at: 733-7592 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday.

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Managed Care excludes many black physicians

By Michien N. Guillory

While managed care is tightening the reins on health care costs, it is virtually strangling black doctors. Medicaid patients who were traditionally treated by black doctors are now being targeted by their white colleagues.

Dr. Natalie Carroll, a Houston obstetrician/gynecologist and board member of the National Medical Association, explained that historically, a large portion of Black doctors' client base consisted of Medicaid and Medicare patients, while white doctors typically worked on a fee-for-service basis.

As managed care was ushered in to control health care costs, doctors' fees decreased, forcing many white doctors to go after Medicaid patients to make up the difference in income, Carroll said.

This move in turn, left many African-American doctors with a shrinking clientele and income.

African-American physicians also accuse the managed care system of locking black and minority doctors out of the physician network of HMOs and PPOs.

They say that board certification is one tool being used to deny them access.

Few black doctors are board certified because historically they haven't seen certification as a beneficial move.

African-American family practitioner Nolan Jones explained, "Minority doctors didn't initially need board certification to participate in plans that existed before managed care. So, many didn't get it or keep it if they did get it," said Jones. "There was no real advantage to retesting."

More than just a test, board cer-

tification is a comprehensive medical exam taken about once every seven years, and the exams are specific to particular fields such as radiology, dentistry or ophthalmology.

In some fields, there are both written and oral components to the exam that can take up to two days to complete.

Carroll said board certification is not a good indicator of a doctor's capabilities. And while she is certified, the doctors consider certification a method to exclude "mostly minority doctors."

"Until the mid to late 1980s, it was purely an academic accolade. It had nothing to do with the quality of medicine or the kind of physician that you were," Carroll said.

"It was put together by HMOs and insurance companies as a means to try and make themselves look better by saying their physicians were board certified."

"There are people who are entirely brilliant when it comes to taking a test, but they don't have any common sense and they can't take good care of patients," she said.

In addition, doctors are also legally required to take "continuing education" courses to keep them abreast of the latest in medical methodology and technology.

Dr. Linda Pope, an optometrist, said the tests along with the continuing education courses are also too costly to continually take.

"For many minority and especially women doctors, the question becomes 'Do I eat or take the boards?'" she said. "And some doctors determine that it's really important to start working immediately."

For example, Pope said her next continuing education course will be a one-day computer class that will cost her \$1,145.

Overall, Jones and Pope agree the managed care business is wreaking havoc with the patient/doctor relationship.

"Managed care is a facade. The programs are set up with controls that interfere with medical practices and tell doctors what they can and cannot do," Jones said.

Pope said, "Everyone is disgruntled with managed care. The patients are unhappy. Medicine is still an art and it should be respected as an art. Basically, managed care has become mangled care."

Dr. Carroll said the managed care lockout is attributable to "blatant discrimination on a national level."

She cited Kansas City as a hotbed for managed care controversy, where African-American doctors successfully sued a local insurance company for exclusionary practices of its HMO.

Commentary

Tackling cancer in the African American community means coordinating efforts

By Donna E. Shalala

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

Few diseases strike as much fear in the hearts of people as cancer. Cancer strikes the African-American community far too often, rich and poor and young and old—even star athletes like Baltimore Orioles outfielder Eric Davis.

The disproportionate impact of cancer in African Americans reminds me of an old adage I have heard from African-American leaders: "When America catches a cold, black America catches pneumonia."

At the Department of Health and Human Services, our objective is to find a way to prove that adage wrong. We are pledged to narrow the wide gaps between black and white cancer rates. We made a public commitment to that goal recently, at the Sixth Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved and Cancer held in Washington.

Eliminating racial health disparities—whether for cancer, diabetes or any other disease—is woven into our Department's core priorities. One of the Clinton Administration's key second-term priorities is to ensure that the quality of health care in America remains among the best in the world.

That means more than making sure we have the best scientists and the best medical facilities and equipment. Just as important is how well we utilize our resources to address some of the toughest issues in health and medicine, including cancer's uneven burden on African Americans and other minority populations.

That explains why we opened the Office of Special Populations at NCI one year ago. Because research is hugely important in the war on cancer, the new Office of Special Populations has been charged with leading and coordinating cancer research as it relates to minorities. One way we'll measure its progress is how well the office helps develop new clinical, epidemiological and biological opportunities for research.

The Office of Special Populations is designing strategies to attract more African-American physicians to cancer prevention

and screening trials. And the office is helping to shape and direct cancer science so that we can pinpoint why a young African-American like Eric Davis would develop colon cancer in his youth and strength; why the prostate cancer incidence rate is some 35 percent higher for Black males than for white males; or why African-American women have a higher breast cancer mortality rate than white women.

At the center of the new effort

We are pledged to narrow the wide gaps between black and white cancer rates.

to answer these and other puzzling questions about minority cancer rates is one of the most talented and knowledgeable African Americans in the cancer field. Dr. Otis Brawley has devoted a career to designing clinical trials, to making updated technology and treatments available to people of lower socioeconomic status, and to researching prostate cancer. As the former Senior Investigator in the NCI Division of Cancer Prevention and Control and program director for the Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial, Dr. Brawley will help move us forward with his professionalism, expertise and sensitivity on this issue.

The Special Populations office at NCI is part of a broader array of strategies to fight cancer for everyone, including: A \$400 million increase in funding for NCI since 1993; quicker approval of cancer drugs as well as expanded access to promising new therapies and the toughest anti-tobacco initiative. In American history to kick Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man out of our children's lives.

Our efforts to combat minority cancer extend to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is helping to track minority cancer rates and actively recruit minorities for clinical trials. The CDC has also played a major role in fighting breast and cervical cancers in minority communities, having provided funding to help 1.2 million uninsured and underinsured low-income women—about half of them minorities—receive mammograms and Pap tests in a six-year

in a six-year period through September 1996.

More than 136,000 African Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year alone. Precious African-American children should not face a greater threat than their white counterparts of losing a par-

ent to cancer early, or never knowing their grandparents because of cancer's reach. And no child should ever come into the world at greater risk of having their own lives and dreams cut short by cancer, simply because of the color of their skin.

I know that Dr. Brawley, with the full resources of the National Cancer Institute behind him, will help us close the gap for African-American children and make the future more promising for all children and their families.

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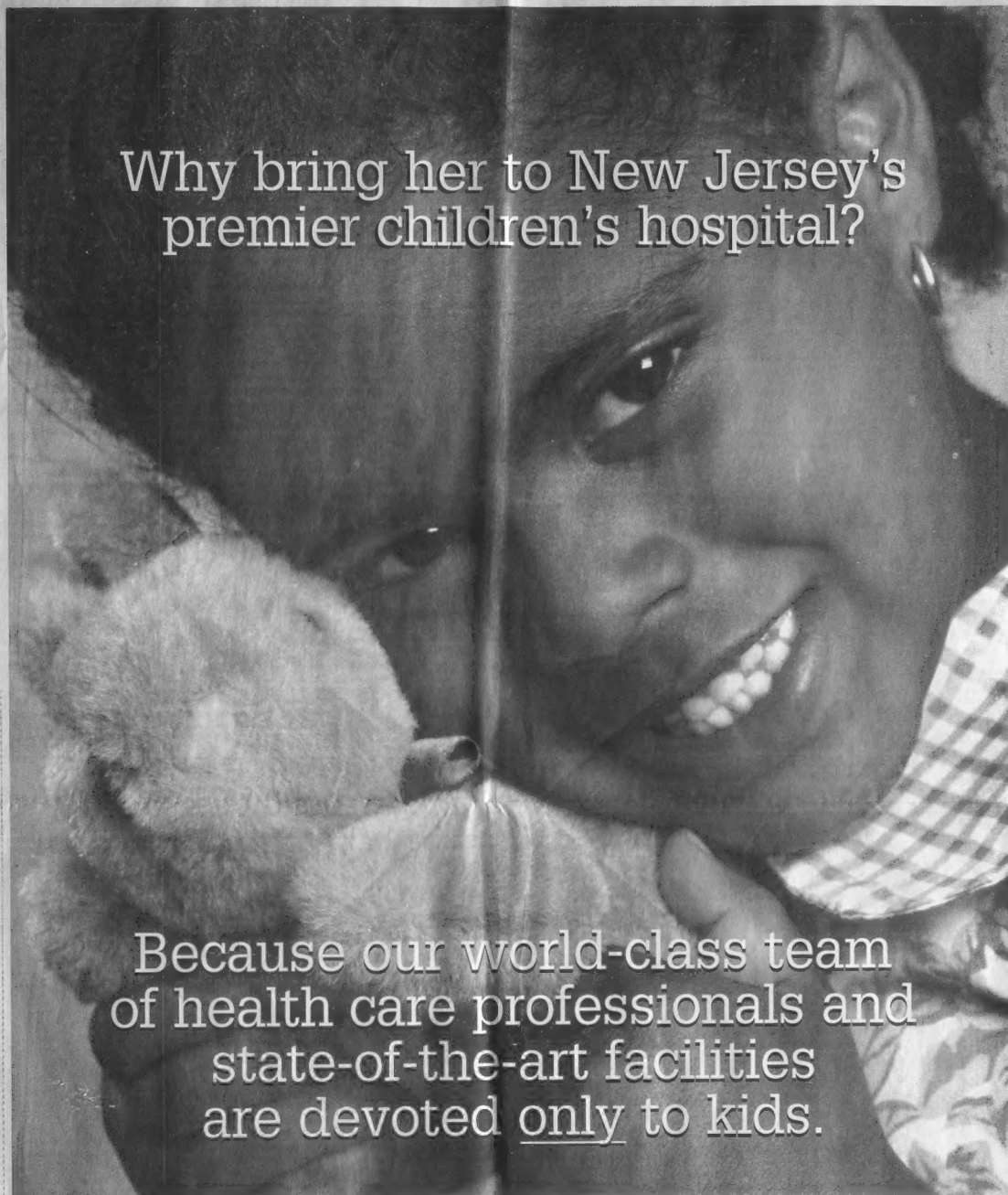
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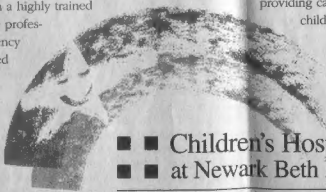
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THURSDAY, JULY 31

NEWARK—The Newark Museum Garden Jazz Concert presents the Leo Johnson Quartet. For more information, call 201-596-0550.

NEW YORK—The Hospital Audiences, Inc. brings the exhibits of Mercedes Junison's landscapes, seascapes and faces painted in fragmented segments, again animated with life. For more information, call 212-575-7695.

CHATHAM—In a program entitled A Garland of B's, the Diamond Hill summer chorus will perform music of Blues, Brahms, Banchieri, and others. The church is air conditioned and handicapped accessible. For more information, call 973-762-8495.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

NEWARK—The Newark Museum's Children's theater schedule presents Gary Rosen-Cookin', a musical songbook.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

NEW YORK—Shore Fire media presents a surmountage concert in Central Park. Leaders of the Exploring Rock an Espanol Movement come together for a free performance in celebration of the Fied Hot Organization's tenth AIDS benefit album. For more information, call 718-522-7171.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

NEW YORK—WNPR 1600 will once again host "Inspirational Sunday" outdoor concert and picnic in conjunction with Harlem Week '97, a month long celebration. For more information, call 718-333-1000.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

CRANFORD—New courses providing critical reviews of film. For more information, call Union County College 908-709-7800.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

NEWARK—Manhattan Rhythm at PSE&G's Robert I. Smith Amphitheater. For more information, call 201-430-7000.

Black Film Festival winners named



Pictured are (bottom row) Jeff Friday, Producer, Acapulco Black Film Festival, Oscar Davis, (top row) Robert Townsend and Byron Lewis, Chairman and CEO, UniWorld Group, Inc., and Executive Producer of the Acapulco Black Film Festival. The five-day festival, presented by UniWorld Group, Inc. and the Black Filmmaker Foundation, was dedicated to highlighting the interest in Black films and showcasing the cinematic works of Black filmmakers, actors and actresses.

NEW YORK—The recent Acapulco Black Film Festival, presented by UniWorld Group, Inc. and the Black Filmmaker Foundation, culminated with the gala Black Film Awards Ceremony at the Juan Ruiz de Alarcón Theater. The winners in the categories of 1996 Film of the Year, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director and Soundtrack of the Year were announced at the Awards ceremony which were hosted by Robert Townsend. Halle Berry and Bill Duke were also honored for their artistic achievements at the Awards ceremony.

In the category of 1996 Film of the Year, *Once Upon A Time* beat out *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*, *BulletProof*, *Don't Be A Menace To South Central While Drinking Your Juice In The Hood*, *Fled*, *Girl 6*, *Get On The Bus*, *The Great White Hype*, *Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored*, *Original Gangstas* and *Set It Off*.

In the category of Best Director, F. Gary Gray (*Set It Off*) was selected

over Kevin Hooks (*Fled*), Martin Lawrence (*A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*), Spike Lee (*Get On The Bus*) and Tim Reid (*Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored*).

In the category of Best Actor, Ossie Davis (*Get On The Bus*) proved victorious over Charles Dutton (*Get On The Bus*), Laurence Fishburne (*Fled*), Al Freeman, Jr. (*Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored*) and Blair Underwood (*Set It Off*).

In the category of Best Actress, Queen Latifah (*Set It Off*) won over Regina King (*A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*), Jada Pinkett (*Set It Off*), Phylicia Rashad (*Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored*) and Lynn Whitfield (*A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*).

The *Set It Off* soundtrack won in the 1996 Soundtrack of the Year category that included *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*, *BulletProof*, *Don't Be A Menace To South Central While Drinking Your Juice In The Hood*, *Fled*, *Girl 6*, *Get On The Bus*, *The Great White Hype*,

Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored and *Original Gangstas*. The Black Film Awards winners were chosen by ballots submitted by festival attendees. The five nominees in each category were selected from a list of 10 films that were either directed or written and produced by African Americans and released in 1996. Nominees were chosen from the results of a national ballot distributed through a variety of media outlets, independent bookstores, upscale restaurants and video stores.

According to Byron Lewis, Chairman and CEO, UniWorld Group, Inc., and Executive Producer of the Acapulco Black Film Festival, "The Black Film Awards provide an occasion to salute excellence in this important genre of American cinema." Warrington Hudlin, President, Black Filmmaker Foundation, said "The festival's overall goal—to recognize Black performers and Black filmmakers that are often overlooked by mainstream awards and film festivals—was accomplished."

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Book Review

If you did not hear about the *Amistad* in history class, you may want to take note of it now. The *Amistad*, for those who are unfamiliar with the name, was a Spanish slave ship and the site of the only successful slave revolt in American history. This extraordinary story is now the inspiration for a feature film by some of Hollywood's biggest names. This fall, DreamWorks, in conjunction with HBO Pictures and Debbie Allen, is planning to release the major motion picture *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, which stars Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins, Matthew McConaughey, and Djimon Hounsou as Joseph Cinque, the leader of the revolt.

Not to be outdone, Oxford University Press is pleased to announce the reissue of *Mutiny on*

the *Amistad* (OUP, September 1997), by noted historian Howard Jones. This extraordinary tale is unique in that it is perhaps the first time in US history that Blacks and whites worked together to secure the rights of freedom for would-be slaves. It is a gripping, precedent-setting courtroom drama of a trial that went before the U.S. Supreme Court and pitted former President John Quincy Adams against the federal government and United States Attorney General Lewis Tappan and other abolitionists in their refusal to accept a legal system that claimed to dispense justice while permitting artificial distinctions based on race and color. For more information on the revised edition of *Mutiny on the Amistad*, call (212)726-6108, or cjp@oup-usa.org



Television

ALSTON JOINS THE CAST OF ROBIN HOOD



Hakim Alston joins the cast of THE NEW ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD as the nomadic warrior Kemal, who helps Robin and his friends combat treacherous villains lurking in Magical Sherwood Forest. Alston made his debut in the second season of THE NEW ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD, which premiered Monday, July 14, at 10p.m. (ET).

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The Life soundtrack premieres



NEW YORK—Sony Classical has rush-released the original cast recording of *The Life*, the smash new Broadway musical from composer Cy Coleman. The show named the Best Musical of the 1996-97 Broadway season by the Outer Critics Circle, the Drama Desk and the Drama League—also won two Tony Awards for performers Lillias White and Chuck Cooper.

The Life explores the colorful

world of the Times Square area in the pre-AIDS year of 1980, focusing on the lives and loves of the prostitutes, pimps and hustlers who worked 42nd Street. The show opened at Broadway's Ethel Barrymore Theater on April 26.

Sony Classical's original cast recording, produced by Cy Coleman and Mike Berniker, features the songs "The Oldest Profession" and "My Body," which was performed

on the Tony Awards telecast. The recording was made May 5 and rush-released June 3, two days after the presentation of the Tony Awards. Not since the LP era has an original Broadway cast recording been shown so quickly.

The turn is based on an idea by Ira Gasman, who wrote the lyrics and collaborated on the book with David Newman and composer Cy Coleman.

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Legal Notice

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK NOTICE FOR CONSULTANT

The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is seeking proposals for necessary budget review services in performing professional consulting services as a Comprehensive Grant Program Administrator/Modernization Coordinator. This is one position and the scope of services includes: Comprehensive Grant Program Administrator.

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Interested firms or individuals should phone the Executive Director's Office at (732) 774-2260 or FAX to 913 to request a bid and respond to the RFP by noon on August 6, 1997 to Claudia A. Seroney, Contract Director, Asbury Park Housing Authority, 1000 1/2 Third Ave., Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712.

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No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

CAROLYN REESE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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PUBLIC NOTICE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway for New Rents and Windows at Glendinning Homes, NJ32-1 and JFK Apartments, NJ32-2A.

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BY ORDER OF

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge

Suppovise Health Services for the Period October 15, 1997 to September 30, 1998

Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge ("Authority") will require proposals from independent health care professionals and organizations to manage and operate the delivery of supportive health services for the elderly at six (6) senior citizen locations consisting of 415 households in Woodbridge Township. Resident enrollment and/or participation is solely on a voluntary basis. No exclusive rights will be granted. Health service and other providers currently in place may continue their agreements or contracts with the WHA and individual residents. All candidates must demonstrate in their proposals that they are licensed to provide health services in the State of New Jersey and are duly registered with the Secretary of State. All health related services must be conducted on site without the resources of WHA staff, equipment or other supplies. Proposals must also include the following:

1. Developed procedures which protect the confidentiality of individuals/families records.
2. A fee schedule, if any, assessed to the patient population in 15 minute increments, and a schedule and method of collection of said fees.
3. Identification of types of assistance to be provided such as: bathing, dressing, ambulation, housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation and grocery shopping as well as health monitoring, medication assistance, transportation and coordinating health and other community services to enable residents to live independently and to prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization.

4. A statement and documentation (letters of support of in-kind and monetary partnerships from other state, local, federal and private sources) to provide additional services at no cost to the residents.

5. Description of the roles and responsibilities of the proposer and how the proposer will coordinate with its partners to ensure program success and fulfillment of all partner commitments.
6. Description of the extent to which the partnership as a whole addresses a broader range of resident needs; the extent to which the addition of the partners provides the ability to meet needs more efficiently than the proposer or its partners acting individually without forming the partnership.
7. Detailed narrative information on each partner and their contributions including: (a) the roles and responsibilities of the proposer and partner relative to the supportive health services program and (b) the amount and type of resources and services that the proposer and partner firm commits to contribute to the program, including in-kind contributions of personnel and equipment.

8. Proof of bonding and insurance in accordance with all local, state and federal laws.

9. Plan to provide at least monthly a no cost group educational and/or social activity at each site open to all residents.

10. Goals, objectives and methods of the program.

11. Previous experience and ability to implement a program and services.

12. Plan for pre-program needs assessment or tool to be used.

13. Detailed plan to evaluate the success of the proposed program both during program implementation, at monthly intervals, and at program completion. Describe who will perform the evaluation whether proposer or partner. Fully describe performance measures to be used and what methodology the evaluation will use to determine how and why the program did or did not succeed in achieving goals and objectives. Methodologies for analyzing program performance includes, but is not limited to: comparing reported results to goals and objectives, case studies, observations, surveys and interviews.

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For further information, you may call Peter J. Ansara, Executive Director, at (732) 834-2750. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is deemed to be in its best interests.

SEALED PROPOSALS in response to this "RFP" (original and two copies) are due no later than 11:00 AM on September 15, 1997 and should be addressed as follows:

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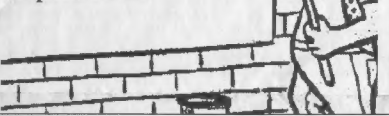
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School choice: Next major civil rights battle

The Center for New Black Leadership (CNBL) has joined other advocacy organizations to launch an intensive effort to win low-income parents in Washington, D.C. the right to choose what school their children attend. "This is a civil rights issue," commented CNBL president Gerald Reynolds. "When a public school fails to provide a quality education and safe learning environment, middle-class parents protect their children's future by placing them in a private school. It is only children of low-income parents who are used as cannon fodder in our battle to reform the crumbling public school system," said Reynolds. He continued by outlining that the battle for civil rights has always included the commitment to giving all children an equal opportunity to succeed. "Low-income parents must be given the power to provide their children a quality education," Reynolds said. "Nothing is more fundamental to that power than to be able to choose which school your child attends. Make no mistake about it: The fight for school choice in the District is a civil rights battle. Congress has a simple choice: Advance the civil rights of our children or protect the interests of bureaucrats and unions," Reynolds continued. The Center for New Black Leadership is a Washington, D.C.-based research and advocacy institute whose mandate is to develop and promote a market-oriented, community-based vision of public leadership for Black communities in America.

Call for a war crimes commission in Congo

UNITED NATIONS, New York (PANA) — A New York-based rights group has called for the establishment of a war crimes commission to investigate alleged atrocities committed during the seven-month war in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Human Rights Watch, in a letter to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, urged him to urgently seek a security council authorization for the creation of such a commission, which will also determine whether an international tribunal should be set up to try perpetrators of the atrocities. The group's request is based on the report of a joint investigative mission of the UN Commission on Human Rights, which found that some of the alleged massacres during the war could constitute acts of genocide. The report, submitted to the UN General Assembly, said "there are reliable indications that persons belonging to one or other of the parties to the conflict...probably committed serious violations of international humanitarian law. Given the seriousness of these findings, it is imperative that the UN conducts an investigation that could constitute the first step forward toward criminal prosecution of those responsible for these crimes." The report was jointly signed by its executive director, Kenneth Roth, and UN representative Joanna Weschler.

By Anvita Brown An APLA Correspondent

Even to the casual observer/traveler it is apparent that there is a shift in how the Caribbean is being marketed to North Americans. Where the focus has traditionally been directed at each island's natural beauty and indigenous cultures, there is now a move to using familiar North American flavors to entice the traveler.

"There's been a marked difference in how we have been marketing the Bahamas since 1992 when we had a new government come into power and opened the way for some new investments in the tourism sector," said Cordell Thompson, general manager of public relations for

the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism. "We recognized that the person traveling today wants more than sun, sand, casinos and good restaurants. Added to our strong cultural attractions we believed the festival concept was a good way to get some excitement back into our tourism product. And we think we have achieved that."

And part of this "excitement" has been supplied by two events: The Caribbean Muzik Festival and the Bahamas Rhythm and Blues Festival. The Caribbean Muzik Festival, begun in May 1994, is a celebration of the musical culture of the region. With artists performing everything from reggae, soca and jankunao, the focus has been decidedly pan-Caribbean. However, the

Bahamas Rhythm and Blues Festival centers on African-American musical forms. Performers have included popular African-American artists like Regina Belle, Kool and the Gang and this year, Miki Howard, Will Downing and the Whispers.

In fact, throughout the Caribbean a growing number of islands had tagged the African-American musical genre as a low season market generator. Aruba, St. Lucia, Bermuda, Cancun, Curacao, Jamaica and others have successfully held jazz, R&B, soul, funk, blues and even gospel festivals.

"The festivals across the Caribbean, going back to (Reggae) Sunsplash in Jamaica since 1972, have been designed to raise visitor

levels in what was traditionally low periods. And they have really worked as a marketing tool for all of us," said Thompson.

Additionally, he does not see the proliferation of these festivals as a hindrance to his agenda. "It's really healthy competition," he said. "It's a formula that is really working for all of us because it's a big pie and all of us can get our share."

All are especially vying for a slice of the African-American pie. With a total income of over \$400 billion in 1995, African Americans spent approximately \$5 billion on transportation, travel and lodging (Source: Target Market News, Inc.). Tourism ministries have taken notice.

"It's a very conscious decision

to target the African-American market. They total about 150,000 of the Caribbean's travel market each year and we get about two-thirds of that," said Thompson. "We've watched market trends over the years and we know that African Americans basically travel from Memorial Day to Labor Day (May to September). So, we have just really expanded our focus on what was a traditional market," he continued.

Initial estimates for the Rhythm and Blues Festival weekend (June 19-22) indicated that African Americans represented more than 3000 of the capacity crowd on the island, helping to make June '97 the best the island has seen in a very long time, Thompson informed.

Seven suspected Rwandan genocide perpetrators arrested

DAKAR, Senegal (PANA) — Seven Rwandans were arrested in Nairobi, Kenya on Friday, July 11, 1997 for their alleged role in the 1994 genocide during which up to a million people were said to have been massacred.

The seven, including Jean Kamukama, the prime minister who headed the interim government of Rwanda when the massacres started in April 1994, were arrested by Kenyan authorities at the request of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).

Kamukama allegedly did nothing "to prevent his subordinates from committing these crimes," says a news release sent to PANA by the ICTR in Arusha, Tanzania, where the suspects were immediately transferred.

It said the arrested persons were dignitaries in the former Rwandan regime, who occupied positions of political or military responsibility as well as an influential role in the media.

One woman, Pauline Nyiramasuhuka, former minister in the government of the late Rwandan President, Gen. Juvenal Habyarimana and then in the interim government, was among those arrested.

"Of the persons apprehended in Kenya, Nyiramasuhuka and her son, Arsene Shalom Nshababali, are the only ones already indicted," legal sources informed.

They further detailed that the two were indicted for committing crimes of genocide and crimes against the Tutsi population in the Commune of Butare.

"The others are considered to be suspects by the ICTR prosecutor, Judge Louis Arbour, a Canadian national, who requested their arrest," the source said.

Hassan Ngize, the former editor-in-chief of the influential newspaper Kangura, is believed to have played a vital role in the propaganda of genocide. He too was arrested.

He published editorials, articles

and cartoons inciting hatred and violence against the minority Tutsi population, ICTR informed.

The others who were arrested are: Gracien Kabiligi, a colonel in the General Staff of the Rwandan army until 1994; Aloys Nshabake, former commander of the paramilitary battalion of the Rwanda army; and Sylvain Nshabimana, former prefect of Butare between April and July 1994.

Kol Kabiligi was in charge of army units, particularly the presidential guard, that allegedly engaged in massacres of Tutsis. Nshabake commanded a unit of the Rwanda army whose soldiers are also allegedly to have massacred Tutsi civilians and Hutu political opponents.

Widespread killings of people of Tutsi ethnic group and Hutu moderates occurred in Rwanda starting April 6, 1994, after President Habyarimana was killed in a plane crash over Kigali, as he returned from a meeting in Tanzania aimed at restoring peace in his country. Also killed was Cyprien Ntaryamira, the president of neighboring Burundi.

According to the ICTR documents released, "Efforts are continuing to apprehend others believed to have been involved in the 1994 massacres in Rwanda." But the seven arrests were welcomed by Judge Laiti Kama, a Senegalese national who presides over the ICTR.

"I hope that with these arrests there will be an increased focus on the quality of the work accomplished by the tribunal, in light of the undeniable judicial success it now has to its credit," he said.

The tribunal, created in November 1994, had to be re-organized earlier this year after it was severely criticized both locally and internationally for its inactivity. Reports of mismanagement prompted UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to issue a serious reprimand.

For this occasion the artist has created a one-of-a-kind "woodtoon" (a cartoon in wood), as he is prone to do in tune with current political controversy and national debates in

woodcut print likeness of a New Gingrich, Speaker of the House an advocate for doing away "neutralizing" the National Endowment for the Arts in the upcoming Balanced Budget Act. The work, which will be auctioned off during the day of his visit, is entitled by the artist as #1 of 1. DuLong said his first inclination was to sculpt the image of Sen. Jesse Helms but feared the aging Senator might rage and "stroke out" with such a raw notice. Creating political folk art images is not new to nonpartisan DuLong — he does it more to make a statement than a profit. His three dimensional commentary on the nation's savings and loan failure was a belly-up piggy bank planter called "The Non-Default Piggy Vault." Craft Masters Gallery is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sundays from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m., and encourages inquiries from artists working in all media, and welcomes patrons of the arts.

Tree lance artists, to appear at craft master gallery

MONTCLAIR—When you enter Craft Masters Gallery at 34 Church Street, Montclair, be prepared to smile. The Gallery is a magical place and a big reason for its charm is the whimsical work of woodcrafter Robert Anthony DuLong, creator of more than 50 marvelous Woodendity folk-art items. From the Great Grandfather Clock to the Kitchen Kow footstool, every character is functional and designed to "bring big smiles to life." DuLong says, "Smiling is the greatest treasure known for all ages," and he has certainly provided lots of good therapy to countless homes and gardens throughout America. DuLong will appear at the Gallery on Sunday, August 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Woodendities are on display, and are for sale at Craft Masters Gallery. In honor of Artificer DuLong, the Gallery will donate 10% of Woodendity sales transacted during the hours of DuLong's appearance in the Gallery to United Way of North Essex. The United Way of North Essex is an independent, not-for-profit organization which meets critical and social service needs of local and needs through a network of local and social service agencies and facilitates solutions to

Cedar Grove, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Livingston, Montclair, North Caldwell, Roseland, Verona, and West Caldwell.

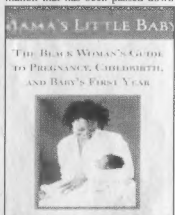
One-of-a-kind "WOODTOON" to be auctioned with proceeds donated to UN - New Jersey's public broadcasting network.

Mama's little baby : a black woman guide to pregnancy, childbirth and baby's first year

Dr. Dennis Brown, a Harlem-based pediatrician and instructor at Columbia University, knows that there is much more to pregnancy than a growing belly and trips to the doctor's office. He understands that pregnancy is a time of emotional as well as physical changes, and that black women have special childbirth and childcare needs. Together with former Essence editor Pamela Toussaint, Dr. Brown conducted focus groups with African-American women and interviewed midwives, doctors, and nutritionists from the African-American community to find out what concerns black women most about pregnancy and childcare. The results of this extensive research combined with Dr. Dennis Brown's expertise makes MAMA'S LITTLE BABY: The Black Woman's Guide to Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Baby's First Year (Dutton; August 4, 1997; \$23.95) the first truly comprehensive guide for African-American mothers-to-be.

This wonderfully down-to-earth guide includes everything a pregnant woman needs to know about development, nutrition, labor, deliv-

ery and infant care. But MAMA'S LITTLE BABY is much more than a what-to-expect manual—it is a wealth of fascinating cultural information that has been passed down



from generation to generation in black culture.

The authors pay tribute to the courageous work of Southern black midwives the "Grannies" who "catch babies" and discuss African and Caribbean folklores about pregnancy, birth, and babycare. They also draw on the real-life experiences of modern sisters who discuss everything from sex during and

after pregnancy to weight-management, from what to wear to look your best to how to plan financially for a baby.

Special chapters also discuss the health risks, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and sickle-cell anemia, which African-Americans suffer from disproportionately. As the book goes down-home cooking traditions that can wreak havoc on a pregnant sister, African-American fathers and single moms receive personal attention in sections written especially for them. And there is a complete chapter on the spiritual significance of naming your baby, including an outline for how to host your own naming ceremony.

MAMA'S LITTLE BABY is the one resource that all expectant African-American mothers (and fathers) will want and need. In the words of Julia A. Boyd, author of In the Company of My Sisters and Embracing the Fire: "MAMA'S LITTLE BABY should be on every parent-to-be's reading list. It can even help us folks that have children—my baby is twenty-four and I found myself learning all kinds of new information!"

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NOTICE TO POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AT PLEASANT VIEW GARDENS APARTMENTS, PISCATAWAY, NEW JERSEY



On June 18, 1997, the United States District Court for the district of New Jersey entered a Consent Order resolving a lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice against the owners, managers and rental agents of Pleasant View Gardens apartments. The lawsuit alleged that the defendants had discriminated against black persons who sought rental housing at Pleasant View Gardens. Under the Consent Order, you may be entitled to receive monetary relief if you asked about or applied for renting, or rented an apartment at Pleasant View Gardens (partially pictured above), and apartment complex located on Carlton Avenue, Pleasant View Drive and Rutgers Road, near Rutgers University and Johnson Park, in Piscataway, Middlesex County, New Jersey at any time after January 1, 1991, and:

1. You were denied an opportunity to live there because of your race or color or the race or color of someone who would be living with you; or
2. You were falsely told that no apartments were available because of your race or color or the race or color of someone who would be living with you; or
3. You were not informed of advertised rent specials, such as the first five months' rent at half price, or advertised move-in specials, such as a three hundred dollar (\$300) discount on the cost of to move in, because of your race or color or the race or color of someone who would be living with you; or
4. You were otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race or color in connection with your occupancy at Pleasant View Gardens apartments or your attempt to rent a unit there.

If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race or color at Pleasant View Gardens apartments, or if you have any information about persons who may have been discriminated against there on the basis of race or color, please contact the United States Department of Justice, at 1-800-896-7743.

You may also write to:
United States Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division Housing and Civil Enforcement Section
P.O. Box 65998
Washington, D.C. 20035-5998

Note: You must call or write no later than sixty (60) days from August 20th, 1997.

Neither the defendants' agreement to the terms of this Consent Order nor any other action taken by the defendants in connection with this settlement constitutes an admission by the defendants of any violation of the law, duty or obligation, or that any decision or action with respect to the management of Pleasant View or any other apartment complex was discriminatory or otherwise unlawful. The defendants specifically disclaim and liability to the United States or any other entity or person. The parties have entered into this Consent Order to compromise disputed claims. No findings of any kind have been made or issued by the Court on the merits of the claims in this action.